

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to Receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain.

House passed H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S549–S598

Measures Passed:

Homeland Security Technology Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1612, to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer program within the Department of Homeland Security, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S596–97**

SAFE Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S549–68, S571–75**

Pending:

Modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Dorgan Amendment No. 2267, to exempt certain agricultural producers from certain hazardous materials transportation requirements. **Pages S571–75**

Gregg Amendment No. 2268 (to Amendment No. 2267), to provide that certain public safety officials have the right to collective bargaining. **Pages S573–75**

Withdrawn:

Bond Amendment No. 2265, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Pages S554–68, S571**

During consideration of this measure today, the following action also occurred:

Gregg Amendment No. 2266 (to Amendment No. 2265), to provide that certain public safety officials have the right to collective bargaining, fell when Bond Amendment No. 2265, (listed above) was withdrawn. **Pages S557–68, S571**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 5, 2004. **Pages S597–98**

California Missions Preservation Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S596**

APPOINTMENTS:

Task Force on Slave Laborers: The Chair, on behalf of the President Pro Tempore, pursuant to S. Con. Res. 130 (106th Congress), appointed the following individual to the Task Force on Slave Laborers: Virginia Walden-Ford, of Washington, D.C. **Page S596**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 8), Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S568–71, S598**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S596**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S596**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—8) **Page S571**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, February 5, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S598.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, and Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration, and 438 military nominations in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled Federal Public transportation Act of 2004.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Health and Human Services budget priorities for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Walter M. Olihovik, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, Steve D. LeNoir, National League of Postmasters, and Ted Keating, National Association of Postal Supervisors, all of Alexandria, Virginia; John Calhoun Wells, San Antonio, Texas, former Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; James L. Medoff, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Michael L. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3763–3780; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 357–359, and H. Res. 515–519 were introduced.

Pages H391–92

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H392–393

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Chaplain: Today's prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Michael J. Easley, Senior Pastor, Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

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Joint Meeting to Receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Pryce

(OH), Bereuter, Weller, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Lantos, and Rodriguez and Senators Frist, Stevens, Santorum, Kyl, Allen, Lugar, Smith, Daschle, and Dodd.

Pages H311–13

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

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Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3030, to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements by voice vote.

Pages H319–59

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H325–26

Agreed to:

George Miller of California amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3)

that authorizes additional funds for a six month extension of unemployment benefits (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 18).

Pages H347–58

Rejected:

Woolsey amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3) that sought to insert a provision that prohibits organizations from using Community Services Block Grant funds to discriminate in hiring on the basis of religion (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 17); **Pages H326–44, H347**

Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3) that sought to require that organizations offering religious services or activities, do so separately from programs that use Community Services Block Grant funds (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No.16); and **Pages H344–45, H346–47**

Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3) that sought to prohibit the use of federal Community Services Block Grant funds to discriminate in hiring on the basis of religion (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No.15). **Pages H345–346**

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time for debate on the George Miller of California amendment. **Page H352**

Agreed by unanimous consent to authorize the Clerk to make technical and conforming changes to the bill. **Page H359**

H. Res. 513, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H314–319

Recognizing the University of Southern California's accomplishments in sports: The House agreed to H. Res. 511, recognizing the accomplishments of the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams. **Pages H361–62**

Congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers Football Team: The House agreed to H. Res. 498, congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Football National Championship. **Pages H362–63**

Congratulating the University of Delaware Men's Football Team: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 355, congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship. **Pages H363–64**

Commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons Field Hockey Team: The House

agreed to H. Res. 497, commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Field Hockey Championship. **Pages H364–65**

Congratulating the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, Football Team: The House agreed to H. Res. 493, congratulating the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team on winning the 2003 NCAA Division III Football National Championship. **Page H365**

Congratulating the New England Patriots: The House agreed to H. Res. 512, congratulating the New England Patriots for winning Super Bowl XXXVIII. **Pages H365–68**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Friday, February 6, and further that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 for morning hour debate. **Page H361**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 11. **Page H361**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H345–46, H346–47, H347, and H358. There were no yea-and-nay votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Recommendations of the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Margaret Tutwiler, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World: Ambassador Edward Djerejian, Chairman; and Ambassador David Abshire.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld,

Secretary; Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Dov Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller).

TREASURY DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; and a public witness.

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE—CURRENT STATE OF COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Current State of Competition in the Communications Marketplace.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE—ROLE OF ATTORNEYS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Role of Attorneys in Corporate Governance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

“SHOULD WE PART WAYS WITH GPRA?”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled “Should We Part Ways with GPRA?” Testimony was heard from Paul Posner, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

L VISAS: LOSING JOBS THROUGH LAISSEZ-FAIRE POLICIES? COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on L Visas: Losing Jobs Through Laissez-Faire Policies? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

FRAUDULENT ONLINE IDENTITY SANCTIONS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 3754, Fraudulent Online Identity Sanctions Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “The Impact of Science on Public Policy.” Testi-

mony was heard from Representative Walden of Oregon; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST INDUSTRY—ISSUES AFFECTING JOBS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Issues Affecting Jobs in the Forest Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 912, amended, Charles ‘Pete’ Conrad Astronomy Awards Act; H.R. 1292, amended, Remote Sensing Applications Act of 2003; H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations; H.R. 3551, amended, Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2004; H.R. 3752, Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004; and H. Con. Res. 189, amended, Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and supporting an International Geophysical Year-2 (IGY-2) in 2007–08.

ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSED BUDGET—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on the Administration’s proposed Fiscal Year 2005 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Homeland Security Advisory System: Improving Preparedness through Effective Warning.” Testimony was heard from James M. Loy, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; and John O. Brennan, Director, Terrorist Threat Integration Center.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing regarding security preparations for 2004 Olympic Games, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William S. Duffey, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Lawrence F. Stengel, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., 2141-RHOB.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 2004

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1072, SAFE Transportation Equity Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet at 12 noon in pro forma session.

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